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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Meeting Date: November 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Location: City Administration Building, Conference Room 102
30 S. Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

1. Call To Order/Introductions Jim Ramsey
2. Citizen Comment Public
3. Approval of Meeting Summary Jim Ramsey
4. Old Business
 - A. Envision Shooks Run Facilities Master Plan Dan Krueger/Aaron Egbert
Action: Recommendation
 - B. LAB BFC Application Tasks Kate Brady
Action: Comments
 - C. Bike Master Plan Update Kate Brady
Action: Comments
 - D. East Pikes Peak Avenue Process Kate Brady
Action: Comments
5. Staff and ATAC Communications Jim Ramsey
6. Next Month Topics Jim Ramsey
7. Adjournment Jim Ramsey

Future Agenda Items:

- Trail/On-Street Bike Connections
- Livability/Walkability
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- Protected Bike Lanes Workshop
- Complete Streets
- Wayfinding
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Meeting Date: October 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm
Location: City Administration Building, Conference Room 102
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Members Present: Jim Ramsey, Bonnie Johnson, Doug Bursnall, Aubrey Day, Mark Hopewell, Stephanie Surch

Staff Present: Kate Brady, Traffic Engineering; Tim Roberts, Traffic Engineering; Jariah Walker, Economic Vitality; Larry Bagley City Council

Others Present: Dave Carpenter, Ligia Carpenter, Michael Gebhardt, Sam Belenari, Diane Belenari, Leonard Lake, Scott Richardson, Gary Gagnon, Carlos Perez, Rebecca Marshall, Sandra Vicksta, Allen Beauchamp, Richard Hedlind, Jonas Hedlind, Andrew VanDerWege, Michael Waltry, Cory Sutela, Mark Schenberger, Susan Davies

8. Call To Order/Introductions Jim Ramsey

- Jim Ramsey called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

9. Citizen Comment Public

- None

10. Approval of Meeting Summary Jim Ramsey

- **Bonnie Johnson motions to approve the minutes from the September 20th meeting, Doug Bursnall seconds; motion passes unanimously.**

11. Old Business

B. Research Parkway Demonstration Project

Tim Roberts

Action: Comments

- Tim Roberts briefed the Committee regarding the project.
- The project was implemented on September 28th.
- Six locations had adjustments made, which were implemented on September 30th.
- He has driven the corridor approximately 30 times, during various peak times.
- Speeds are now closer to 45-50 mph.
- Looking at making an adjustment to the signal timing at Lexington.

- Appreciate public feedback on specific issues.
- There was an accident on the 3-th involving someone trying to do a U-turn.
- There was a community ride on October 8.
- He played the video that is on the website.
- There is also a survey on the website.

Committee Comments

- Jim Ramsey stated he had ridden the corridor and he has some concerns, but appreciates City Staff receiving comments.
- Bonnie Johnson stated more bicycle trails in the City makes it nicer for everyone to enjoy the roads, and bicyclists do pay for the roads when they buy a bicycle and pay the trail fee.
- Aubry Day asked about bicycle ridership. She applauded the City for properly evaluating this project.
- There was further discussion regarding the changes to traffic, economic value of bike lanes, and changes to signal timing.
- There were questions regarding signal light cycles.

Citizen Comment

- Michael Gebhardt commented that he lives in the Briargate area. He is a fair weather bike rider. He mentioned the bike lane that already exists along Research, his concerns about safety, and the future of the project. He is all for leaving the bike path between Voyager to Powers. He is concerned about putting bikers on the street to slow down traffic. There is more aggressive traffic in the merged accelerate and decelerate lanes. Right sizing may work for a while in certain circumstances, however the north side is continuing to grow, i.e. some large apartment complexes and businesses going in.
- Leonard Lake commented he lives one block off Research. He feels it is more unsafe than ever, particularly at Saunter Drive where there is no signal. He would like acceleration lanes for unsignalized or no line of sight. Has seen 0-1 bicycles on the roadway and that was schoolchildren going across Research. Summerfield has always backed up and it is worse. There have been 2 accidents and when they happen it is more constricted. It has created havoc.
- Scott Richardson commented he lives in Fairfax. Has driven Research for a long time. In the next 10 years there will be another 7000 dwellings in the District 20 district. He understands the City's approach, but doesn't understand the timing (start of winter). With Wolf Ranch connecting to Black Forest Rd. traffic will increase. The algorithms don't take certain things into consideration. His concern is the massive growth that will occur.
- Carlos Perez commented he lives a block from Research. He supports the experimentation. He has been on the bike lanes about a dozen times. The speeds of 60mph are dangerous for motorists and bicycles. He uses Research for errands. Multimodal is the future. He wants the time taken to collect the data. He would like the City to provide amenity for the future. Don't rush to judgement.
- Susan Davies commented she is part of TOSC. Bike economics are a good ROI. She would like to City to be a bicycle friendly community. Who do we want to move to the area? She wants to see the experiment through.
- Cory Sutela stated he lives in Manitou. He represents Bike Colorado Springs. Their mission is to transform the region into a vibrant, connected community that is safe and accessible for people on bikes. They support this project. This is the

right kind of infrastructure and Research is the right place as it allows connectivity. The demo program is important, and they support the use of objective measurement to analyze to show provision of a safer way to get around and increase mode share. The City's Strategic Plan mentions achieving a Gold rating from the League of American Bicyclists.

- Allen Beauchamp stated he represents the City of Colorado Springs adaptive sports. There were three adaptive riders on the community ride that they were pleased that their bicycles fit on the buffered bike lane. This will unlock the entire corridor for people with cognitive or physical disabilities.
- Sandra Vicksta commented she lives one block off Research. She stated the news came through the news. She showed a normal bike lane on Rangewood and the "monstrosity, ugly, hideous, lanes" they are looking at every day with the poles. She is not opposed to a bike lane, she is opposed to the ugly waste of tax dollars. This is between two high schools and hospitals and doesn't think the high school students will start biking to school. There are bikers on the sidewalk. No one is using it. There is no input and no opportunity for input.
- Michael Waltry commented he lives in Briargate, works on Research, rides a bike and drives. Agrees with points made by both sides. The roadway diet can work. It can be scary to ride bikes on roads. Let's make this work, make the adjustments, would hate to have this set us back as a community for other projects. Appreciate it is being monitored. Asked about accident on Friday. There were no backups with even just one lane left. Testifies to the fact that this can handle the traffic.

Committee Comments

- ATAC is an advisory committee and not the ultimate decision makers, but have input on issues relevant to non-motorized transit.
- Jim Ramsey commented he has ridden the route and it is good, but that his issue is to have this route go somewhere. The striping is confusing on the right turn lanes and accel lanes. Issue of major arterials, speed differential. Right turns off Research, but not right turn onto Research. It is ugly. The delineators protect bikes, but he is concerned about plowing.
- There was a question from citizen, Sandra Vicksta about signage and where people can go to participate in the survey.
- Stephanie Surch commented this is a work in progress, and that the future is considered. Multi-modal transportation is our future. Transportation shouldn't be limited to driving. We haven't seen people riding on this road, because we have to have infrastructure to get people to ride, and several studies show students will ride to school. Potential for future growth necessitates multi-modal transportation infrastructure.
- Jim Ramsey stated he would like to review the accel lanes in a future ATAC meeting.
- There was discussion regarding signal timing and why the posted speed limit was increased from 40-45 mph.

B. Bike Master Plan

Kate Brady

Action: Comments

- Kate Brady updated the Committee on the Bike Master Plan.
- Have the data needed for current conditions, so moving forward on the report regarding where we are on bicycling in Colorado Springs.

- The open house has been rescheduled to the Spring.
- A design workshop will be held on Thursday which will include the Consulting Firm.

C. East Pikes Peak Avenue

Kate Brady

Action: Comments

- Kate Brady updated the Committee on East Pikes Peak Avenue.
- This is a roadway that has been over built.
- It is an opportunity for a gateway from the Shooks Run trail.
- There was discussion regarding the public input process.

12. Staff and ATAC Communications

Jim Ramsey

- Jim Ramsey commented that he enjoyed doing traffic counts, but more volunteers are needed.
- Michael Fenton breakfast and walk audit is Friday.

13. Next Month Topics

Jim Ramsey

- LAB Application
- East Pikes Peak Avenue
- Accel/Decel lanes

14. Adjournment

Jim Ramsey

- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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